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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT - PACIFIC ISLAND AFFAIRS

1. HOLBROOKE TESTIMONY ON THE PACIFIC ISLANDS:
ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE WILL BE TESTIFYING
TOMORROW (AUGUST 9) BEFORE CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF'S
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
COMMITTEE. THE TOPIC WILL AGAIN BE THE EMERGING
PACIFIC ISLANDS. HIS PREPARED REMARKS, WHICH HAVE
BEEN REVISED SLIGHTLY FROM HIS PREVIOUS APPEARANCE
BEFORE SENATOR GLENN'S SUBCOMMITTEE, WILL BE CARRIED
ON THE WIRELESS FILE. JACK SULLIVAN WILL ALSO BE
TESTIFYING ON THE SOUTH PACIFIC AID PROGRAM (UNCLASSIFIED)

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2. DISPUTED ISLANDS: WE ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO
HOST NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE BRITISH AND TUVALU REPRESENTA-
TIVES EARLY IN SEPTEMBER TO RESOLVE US CLAIMS TO FOUR
ISLANDS IN THE TUVALU GROUP. NEGOTIATIONS OVER DISPUTED
CLAIMS WITH THE GILBERT ISLANDS WILL COMMENCE AT A LATER
DATE. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. MICRONESIAN NEGOTIATIONS: THE NEXT ROUND OF MICRONESIAN NEGOTIATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN SAIPAN STARTING SEPTEMBER 25, AND BILL BODDE PLANS TO ATTEND. THE UPCOMING ROUND FOLLOWS ON THE REFERENDUM RESULTS OF JULY 12, WHICH CLEARED THE WAY FOR SIMULTANEOUS US DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOUR CENTRAL DISTRICTS, PALAU AND THE MARSHALLS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. PNG IV GRANTEE UYASSI: THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY FOR THE EASTERN HIGHLANDS PROVINCE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA, YANGU UYASSI, CALLED ON EA/PIA OFFICERS AUGUST 4. (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. ISLAND BATTLEFIELDS: NOTED AUTHOR WILLIAM MANCHESTER (DEATH OF A PRESIDENT) WILL BE DOING FIELD RESEARCH IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS LATER THIS YEAR FOR A BOOK HE IS WRITING ON WORLD WAR II PACIFIC ISLAND BATTLEFIELDS. HE WILL BE TRAVELING TO TARAWA, PELELIU, GUADALCANAL AND IWO JIMA, AMONG OTHER LOCATIONS. WE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE REQUESTING FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FROM OUR POSTS COVERING THOSE LOCATIONS. (UNCLASSIFIED) CHRISTOPHER

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